overall review of the functions of the MPEDA by a specialised study by Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

Statement

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(1) Shri C. Cherian, Vice-Chairman, MPEDA.

(2) Prof. P. J. Kurien, Member of Parliament.

(3) Shri O. P. Dhamija, Additional Director, EIA.

(4) Dr. K. P. P. Nambiar, Resident Director, MPEDA, Tokyo.

(5) Shri T. K. A. Nair, Chairman, MPEDA.

(6) Dr. M. P. Haran, Resident Director, MPEDA, New York.

(7) Shri Scaria Thomas, Member of Parliament.

(8) Shri T. M. Joseph, Member of MPEDA.

1985:

(1) Shri T. K. A. Nair, Chairman, MPEDA.

(2) Dr. B. C. Deb, Deputy Director, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta.

(3) Shri D. C. Majumdar, Director (I & Q), EIC.

(4) SHRI M. R. NAIR, Director, CIFT.

(5) Shri C. Cherian, Vice-Chairman, MPEDA.

(6) Shri P. N. Sukul, Member of Parliament.

(7) Shri Jacob Thaliat, Exporter, Cochin.

(8) Shri R. K. Mitra, Exporter, Orissa.

1986:

(1) Shri V. Ramalingam, Secretary, MPEDA.

(2) Shri Ambrose Fernando, Member, MPEDA.

(3) Shri E. A. Patel, President, Dry Fish Exporters Association, Bombay.

(4) Shri T. K. A. Nair, Chairman, MPEDA.

(5) Dr. K. P. Srivastava, Joint Director, EIA.

(6) Prof. P. J. Kurien, Member of Parliament.

Ganga Purification Plan in Varanasi

1082. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ganga purification plan launched in Varanasi a year ago, has not brought any qualitative change;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up a Committee to review the working of Ganga Purification Programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The renovation of the ghat pumping stations, the sewage pumping station and farm at Ramnagar and the treatment plant at the Banaras Hindu University have already brought about a considerable reduction in the quantity of waste water which previously flowed into the river, thereby bringing about a qualitative improvement. In addition, the construction of sulabh sauchalayas and diversion of Telia and Mansarover nallahs will further improve the position. The expansion of BHU Treatment Plant, construction of the DLW Treatment

Plant and construction of Dinapore Treatment Plant will ensure that waste water from Varanasi does not flow into the river.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The overall progress of the Ganga Action Plan is reviewed by the Central Ganga Authority with the Prime Minister himself as the Chairman, the Chief Ministers of the 3 States and Union Ministers concerned as members. The scientific aspects of the programme are monitored by a Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Science), Planning Commission. The progress of the individual schemes as well as the allocation and utilisation of funds is monitored regularly by a Steering Committee comprising Secretaries to Government of India in the concerned Ministries and the Chief Secretaries in the three State Governments. The Ganga Project Wing of the Ministry of Environment monitors all major schemes through its own network. The existing arrangements to review the programme are thus adequate and the Government is not considering any additional committee for the purpose.

(d) Does not arise.

Textile Modernisation Fund

1083. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 750 crores was earmarked towards the Textile Modernisation Fund in 1986;

(b) what is the total amount sanctioned so far out of the Fund;

(c) what is the number of applications received in this connection;

(d) whether Government have processed there applications; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the number of textile mills that can secure assistance by being viable are very few?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 282.70 crores had been sanctioned in 69 cases as on 30th June, 1987.

(c) The number of applications received upto 30th June, 1987 was 135.

(d) Government do not process application received under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme.

(e) No, Sir.

Transport Industry within the meaning of of Actual Users (Industrial)

1084. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transport industry is considered as an industry for the purpose of classifying it within the meaning of 'Actual Users (Industrial)' as mentioned in the Import Policy;

(b) whether the transporters or truck operators can import components and or accessories with a view to increasing its efficiency in transport business, under item (1) of Appendix 6 of the present Import Policy; and

(c) whether Government are considering to allow imports by truck operators with a view to bringing operational economy and savings in fuel; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) No, Sir.